CLAIMS LISTING:

1. (Currently amended) An annular member for a braking device utilizing a multiple disk brake, the annular member comprising:

an axially extending first portion,

a radially extending second portion, and

an axially extending third portion,

the first portion being radially located outside the third portion and joined thereto by the second portion, which has an orthogonal relationship to the first portion and the third portion,

the first portion having a radially inner surface ~~for providing~~ configured to provide rotation-preventing attachment for disks in the multiple disk brake,

the third portion having a radially inner surface provided with teeth and forming a ring gear configured to form part of a planetary gear transmission,

the third portion further having a radially outer surface having at least one bearing member-receiving race formed therein,

the first portion being adapted for fixed attachment to an axle case.

2. (Original) The annular member as recited in claim 1, wherein the first portion has a ring shape.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) The annular member as recited in claim 2, wherein the second portion projects inward in the radial direction from the first portion.

5. (Original) The annular member as recited in claim 1, wherein the first portion comprises guide surfaces for guidance in the axial direction of at least one first brake disk when the braking device is activated.

6. (Original) The annular member as recited in claim 5, wherein the guide surfaces consist of a number of parallel ridges which extend at least partially in the axial direction.

7. (Original) The annular member as recited in claim 1, wherein the first portion and the third portion are arranged at different distances in the radial direction of the annular member.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Presented) The annular member as recited in claim 1, wherein the second portion has a pressure surface formed at one end of the ring gear in the axial direction of the annular member.

11. – 23. (Cancelled)